Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do the Government expect any report from any other public person ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Not at present.

Panangai Lane—Kunnamkulam.

16. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether improving the Panangai lane in Kunnamkulam Village will beaccomplished before the end of the current year; and if so, whatsteps have been taken to achieve it ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work is expected to be finished this year in the usual course. An estimate for the work is underpreparation.

Road—Kunnamkulam to Palanji.

17. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to mention (a) whether the allotment of Rs. 5,000 in the last year's budget for opening a road from Kunnamkulam to Palanji has been utilised ; and if not,

(b) why the amount was allowed to lapse ;

(c) whether the provision in the current year's budget for the above road will be made use of without allowing to lapse before the endof the current year; and if so, what steps have been taken to utilise soon the amount provided ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) An expenditure of Rs. 3,168–6—0 was incurred out of the allotment of Rs. 5,000.

(b) Thelands could not be taken possession of in time.

(c) Theallotment will be utilised as far as possible. Lands have been taken possession of and arrangements made to start work.

Malaria—Chittur Hospital.

18. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(1) whether they are aware that in-patients of the Chittur Hospital contract Malaria by the time they are discharged;

(2) if so, what have they done to prevent the infection;

(3) whether they have provided the few beds with mosquito nets ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) Some of the in-patients contract Malaria.

(2) Nothing except the anti-malarial operations within the town.

(3) No.

Land Revenue remission.

19. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken on the

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resolutions passed by the Council to give remission of 12½ per cent of the Land Revenue for 1108 and 12½ per cent for 1109?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Member's attention is invited to the Diwan's Proceedings dated 28th November 1933, R. 4-470/09, published on pages 157 and 158 of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 17th Vrischigam 1109.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Diwan Peishkar make any recommendation regarding the remission of land revenue?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—My predecessor Mr. Kandar Menon had made a recommendation for 12½ percent in 1109 and 7½ per cent in 1108, or a consolidated reduction of 20 per cent. That was his recommendation.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether remission has already been made in all the taluks?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Are there any other taluks in which it is not done?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No.

Country boats—Licensing of.

20. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

a. whether any cases of hardship to passengers have been brought to their notice, in connection with the registration and licensing of country boats plying in the rivers and backwaters of the State;

b. who are the officers concerned in the work of registering and licensing the above boats;

c. are not the Government aware that the stopping of boats and delaying them indefinitely for purposes of registering and licensing while they are carrying passengers, entails serious hardship to the travelling public;

d. have the Government at any time considered the desirability of ordering the officers concerned to go to the house of the owners of these boats or to stop these boats at their usual mooring places for purposes of registration and licensing?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—a. No.

b. The Canal Superintendents and their subordinates.

c. Yes.

d. No.

Price of Paddy.

21. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the price of paddy at the time of the last Land Revenue Settlement; what is the price of paddy at present? Has the price of paddy gone lower than at present at any time after the last Settlement; if so, by how much?

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